



The Strays



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Chapter 1 by Lex

The entire car ride was silent until we got to my house. I put all my bags in my room and immediately approached Ian.

"W-was he serious...you're a bounty hunter? And if so, why are you here? Are you here to kill me for money? Get close to me so you can watch me suffer when I die? Is that it?" he looked hurt, as if my words attacked him, even with my heavy accent my words were clear and sharp, tipped with a bit of fear.

"Really Lia. How can you say that!? We've known each other since the eighth grade and ever since I've followed you everywhere and I've loved you since then. Although I could ask you the same thing...Alliana...or is it Hush you prefer?" His look was intense and scared, his words just as sharp as mine.

"Ian I'm sorry. Not knowing something like that is incredibly shocking...but I can only imagine how you feel finding out your best friend is a professional assassin." My voice began to crack as the situation registered in my mind and I tried to break it down. "I've been doing this since I was a child...you?"

"Since middle school"

"I've killed 1,276 people...not all of them were targets and I'm not proud of my accidents." Tears streaked my pale flushed cheeks as I remembered one incident in particular.

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waist as more tears streaked my flushed cheeks, his arms gently wrapped around me in response.

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